

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

Application No.: 09/964,693

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In addition, the Examiner stated that page 75 of the specification supports the exclusion of a titanium compound from the laminate, but does not support excluding titanium oxide only from the intermediate layer.

With respect to the Examiner's comment that Table 2 shows that Example 9 contains no titanium dioxide, but does not provide support for excluding all titanium oxides, applicants point out that the specific disclosure in Table 2 is "Titanium compound (TiO₂)". The general reference to "Titanium compound" in Table 2 as well as the general reference to "titanium compound" at page 75 provide support for excluding all titanium compounds, which would include all titanium oxides.

With respect to the Examiner's comment that Example 9 does not contain a titanium compound in both the base layer and intermediate layer, applicants submit that this fact does not mean that applicants are required to claim the absence of the titanium compounds in both layers. Example 9 clearly shows no titanium compound in the intermediate layer. Therefore, the specification provides support for no titanium compound in the intermediate layer.

Further, in addition to Table 2 and the disclosure at page 75, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the disclosure at page 76, lines 20 to 21, which specifically states that "a titanium compound is not contained in the base layer or intermediate layer." Applicants submit that this disclosure at page 76 provides further support for excluding the titanium compound in either the base layer or the intermediate layer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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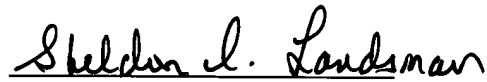
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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